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For Employees of the Production and Marketing Administration in the Midwest.

March 5, 1953

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 5-6	Pest Control Operators	Ames, Iowa
March 6-7	Iowa Spring Market Hog Show	Cedar Rapids
March 7-14	National 4-H Club Week	
March 9-10	Food Distributors Short Course	W. Lafayette
March 9	Missouri-Illinois Grain Dealers' Joint Meeting	St. Louis
March 10	Geese Producers' Meeting	W. Lafayette
March 12	Illinois Agr. Mobilization Comm.	Decatur
March 12-14	Minnesota Spring Barrow Show	Albert Lea
March 13	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
March 13	Minnesota Agr. Mobilization Comm.	St. Paul
March 14	South Dakota Potato Growers Assn.	Watertown
March 15-16	Quad State Grain & Feed Dealers	Sioux City
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March 24	Missouri Agr. Mobilization Comm.	Columbia
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Reminds all offices now is the time to check on potential needs for equipment and supplies for purchase from present fiscal year funds, with view to getting orders in well before fiscal year ends, especially before June.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (Cont'd)

June 15 is deadline for opening of formal bids and placing of orders for non-expendable property from present fiscal year funds. June purchases from commercial sources limited to 60-day stock. Exemptions from these regulations must be justified.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Inviting offers of corn for purchase from grain trade to compensate for necessary sales of old corn in danger of deterioration. Action in line with recently announced policy of CCC's Directors, aimed at minimizing effect of CCC's corn sales on commercial market prices. Purchases will be from 1952-crop corn grading No. 3 or better on all points except moisture. Corn delivered before May 1 not to exceed 14 percent moisture; 13½ per cent on later deliveries. Corn will be bought on track at terminal or sub-terminal markets; also from country elevator stores in some instances. Purchases to be made at current market price at point of delivery but prices won't exceed local support price or its equivalent on purchases at terminal or sub-terminal markets.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Albert C. Christian, Palmer Ellingson, and John J. Hickey testified before St. Paul Federal grand jury last week in connection with several grain conversion cases.

Investigators in field this week: R. Aiken, R. Coons, J. Maloney, Iowa; T. Berry, Thomas Burke, F. Freeman, Missouri; W. Heuermann, J. Ramstad, N. Dakota; E. Nealon, Nebraska; S. Norin, Indiana; H. Oace, S. Dakota.

Accountants in field this week: M. Mestrovich, A. Gibbon, Iowa; L. Coons, K. King, Missouri; W. Aarnes, J. Hickey, Minnesota; J. Guinee, Indiana; J. McLenighan, Michigan; H. Patton, T. Stone, Illinois.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, General Manager

Loss claims of several millions of dollars paid in drought-stricken Runnels and Taylor counties, Texas, during past two years. Multiple contracts cover wheat, corn, grain sorghums, and oats. Drought continues, threatening further big loss claims this year.

DAIRY

Market News - Floyd R. Simpson, in Charge

L. M. Davis, market news head, visited on Thursday enroute to Pacific States Dairy Convention.

Federal Milk Orders

Fort Wayne, Indiana order amended to up the premium paid for milk for bottling over that for manufacturing into butter, cheese, and other products.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Hal Bolin to Michigan next Monday to assist in school lunch food preservation workshops.

Mr. Beyer and Jeanette Hampton to St. Paul next week to review results of tests made on school lunch nutritional requirements.

Marvin Sandstrom, Branch Deputy Director, Washington, visited on Monday and Tuesday. Returns next week enroute back to D.C. from further field trip.

Walter Patterson to Detroit, Cincinnati, and Cleveland this week on special promotion of raisins as plentiful food.

John James in Michigan past Monday and Tuesday to visit warehouses, schools, and institutions to assure complete utilization of turkeys, pork, butter, and eggs this school year.

Victor Warken, Ohio State Supervisor for commodity distribution, expected visitor next week.

Record national total of 9,900,000 children in approximately 57,000 schools participating in school lunch program this 1952-53 school year - 5.8 percent above participation in 1951-52 school year.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Market News - J. A. Hunter, In Charge

Best buys on wholesale market this week: Cabbage, radishes, root vegetables from local storages, rhubarb, and tangerines. Potatoes lower priced.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Mr. Sanborn met with Louisville fruit and vegetable market interests and QMC officials in Louisville Monday in connection with closing of Fort Knox, Kentucky inspection office and opening of Nashville, Tennessee office.

Gordon Mitchell to Milwaukee this Friday to attend potato growers conference.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin to Wisconsin Thursday on general supervisory trip; to Indianapolis next week to plan inspection work on tomato products beginning around August.

Canning plants in Ozark area expected to get into full swing on spinach by April 1. First plant opens in Ft. Smith, Arkansas next week.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Suspended trading license of Wilbur W. Lawrence, operating as Evansville Fruit Company, Evansville, Indiana, for failure to pay reparations of \$2,117.45 awarded to three other produce dealers under PAC Act.

GRAIN - Hazen English, Field Supervisor

Mr. English in St. Joseph, Kansas City, and St. Louis, for part of week on general supervisory trip.

Charles Brant, Ft. Worth inspection office, on duty in Chicago for one month to assist Board of Grain Supervisors.

Albert C. Graf, Washington office, was visitor this week.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Delivered sample copies of weekly Range Livestock and Wool Summary to Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Association meeting, Chicago, February 27 at request of association officials.

USDA office heads in Chicago will meet with representatives of Chicago television stations today (March 5) to discuss use of USDA information on television programs.

Aided James Nixon, Washington, in preparing script for network radio broadcast to be heard on ABC American Farmer program, Saturday, March 7.

LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, in Charge

Cattle prices down to level where Canadian packers bought supplies cheaper in Chicago, St. Paul, and Sioux City markets this week than in Canada, an unusual condition. About 20 carloads moved from Chicago to Montreal and Toronto during week, mostly commercial and good grade steers. Purchases included utility grade in Sioux City. Canadian cattle market, in contrast to expectations, advanced with removal of price supports March 1.

Many cattle feeders now losing \$100 or more per head over initial cost and expense of fattening.

H. Latham, previously reporting livestock only, now dividing time between livestock and wholesale meat market reporting.

Regulatory - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Mr. Jennings attended annual meeting of Chicago Producers Livestock Commission Company as invited guest Thursday.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

USDA full-time employees January 31, 1953: Total 55,465, including 9,735 in Washington, 45,730 in field. PMA full-time employees 11,152, including 2,354 in Washington, 8,798 in field (3,170 in Midwest).

Office to headquarter group of 14 visitors from France, Belgium, and Italy, March 23-24. Group studying manufacture and use of mixed feed for livestock.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Ward Wagner, Washington office, was visitor Wednesday and Thursday.

Frank Santo, headquarters Des Moines, making supervisory trip through Kansas.

Dressed Poultry Inspection - W. S. Buchanan, Supervisor

Dr. Kincaid, Assistant Supervisor, to Rock Island, Illinois, Thursday on poultry plant inspection.

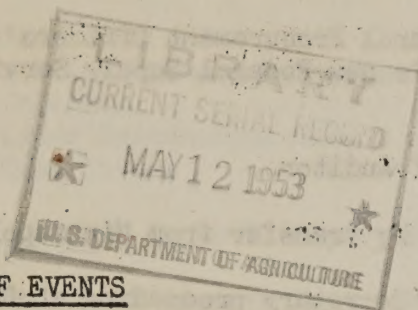
FIELD APPOINTMENTS

Clarence D. Palmy, Garden City, Minnesota, named chairman of Minnesota State PMA office, succeeding Loren C. Crane.

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March 12, 1953

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 13	Minnesota Agr. Mobilization Committee	St. Paul
March 14	South Dakota Potato Growers Association	Watertown
March 15-16	Quad State Grain and Feed Dealers	Sioux City
March 16-17	1953 Farm Forum	Minneapolis
March 16-20	National Short Course, Transportation Losses of Perishables	W. Lafayette
March 17	Spring Barrow & Ton Litter Show (On Foot Show)	Indianapolis
March 17-18	Pest Control Operators Association of America	E. Lansing
March 19	Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative Meeting	E. Lansing
March 19	Chicago Commodity Office-State Meeting	Chicago
March 20	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lansing
March 20	Ohio Spring Barrow Show (On Foot Show)	Columbus
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March 25	Ohio Spring Barrow Show (Carcass Show)	Columbus
March 26-27	Agricultural Clinic, Indiana Bankers Assn.	W. Lafayette
March 26-27	Minneapolis Commodity Office-State Meeting	Minneapolis
March 27	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
March 28	Midwest Market Hog Show	Fremont, Neb.
March 29 to April 1	United States Wholesale Grocers Association	Washington

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mr. Bender to Springfield, Ill. and Columbus, Ohio, March 9-10 on space matters.

Mrs. Ruth Ehrlich to Decatur, Illinois, March 9-12 on record management problems.

Representatives attended Chicago Federal Procurement Officers' Association meeting Wednesday, devoted to tour of GSA's new Federal Supply Service Warehouse in Chicago.

AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Eldon B. Floyd new addition to staff by transfer from Minneapolis Commodity Office.

Work on special CCC audit ordered by Secretary proceeding at Commodity Offices, County PMA offices, CCC bin sites, commercial elevators, loan servicing agents, etc. All auditors now assigned to this work except two auditing school lunch and direct distribution state agencies. With bulk of work in Midwest area, assistance obtained from other areas and Washington.

Some 350 audit reports covering wide variety of programs and subjects released during this fiscal year up to February 28, 1953. Few more probably to be released before June 30, but volume production not to resume until special CCC audit completed.

CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

No offers of corn have been accepted under program announced last week, to buy new corn as replacement for older corn sold out of CCC stocks.

Mr. Bradley in Washington latter part of this week.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John W. Clagett, Chief

J. J. Donavon, Jr., new staff accountant.

In field this week: Accountants: W. Aarnes, J. J. Hickey, Minnesota; L. Coons, K.K. King, M. Mestrovich, Kansas; J. D. Guinee, Indiana. Investigators: J. Maloney, R. Aiken, Iowa; T. Berry, T. Burke, F. Freeman, Missouri; W. Heuermann, J. Ramstad, N. Dakota; M. Ryan, Michigan.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Corporation audit staff completing special audit for Secretary this week.

Processing statistical data for new rate book used in multiple crop insurance program.

Mr. Buck attending Illinois Agr. Mobilization meeting Thursday.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Inspections up this month as offerings of dry milk, butter and cheese to CCC have been increasing and doubtless will continue to increase up to March 31, deadline for offerings at present support prices. Continued support at 90 percent of parity beginning April 1, expected to mean slightly lower prices, reflecting anticipated drop in parity.

DAIRY cont'd

Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick, Supervisor.

Swamped with testing of samples of nonfat dry milk solids and cheese offered for sale to CCC. Some members of staff working nights and week-ends to keep pace with work load. Cheese samples represent about 50 carloads of cheese daily.

Marian Weiss and Eldra Burns joined office staff as clerks this week.

Market Orders.

Uniform prices paid to producers in February:

Columbus	\$4.50 per cwt.
Cedar Rapids-Iowa City	3.90
Quad Cities	4.06

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

John Janus to Minnesota next week to check direct distribution storage.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Market News - J. A. Hunter, In Charge

Best buys are cabbage, beets, escarole, endive, southern greens, radishes, parsley, turnips, and winter squash. Spanish onions from Chile arrived on the market here this week to sell at high prices.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Mr. Sanborn at Great Lakes Naval Training Center on Wednesday conferring with inspectors stationed there.

Mr. Sanborn planning to attend Railroad Perishable Commodities Conference at Purdue, March 17.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor.

Mr. Austin visiting canners in Indiana and attending meeting of Indiana canners at Purdue University this week.

Marketing Office - R. E. Keller.

Mr. Keller attending meeting of Michigan fruit growers at Grand Rapids on Thursday.

GRAIN

Field Inspection Office - Hazen English, Chief

Fred Smith serving as hearing officer and Robert Mill presenting government evidence in hearing at Kansas City, concerning misgrading of grain resulting from apparent loading of grain in fashion to prevent proper sampling.

Mr. Smith preceded visit to Kansas City with trip to Galveston.

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INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

Arranged schedule for agricultural journalists and journalism teachers from Germany visiting Chicago this week, under USDA and MSA sponsorship.

Visitors joined in Chicago for one day by Roberta Clark, USDA, and Dana Reynolds, MSA, both stationed in Washington, responsible for planning schedules of foreign agricultural visitors.

As economy measure, several hundred recipients of weekly Midwest Market Basket being dropped from mailing list this week. Distribution now limited to press, radio, television people.

LIVESTOCK

Grading Division - Russell Hitz, Supervisor

Interest in grading of beef on voluntary basis has been maintained at high level since end of OPS price controls and compulsory grading, so about two-thirds of graders on staff in Chicago area, serving packers in Chicago, Milwaukee, Peoria are being retained. Others will complete their work at end of week.

Mr. Hitz making supervisory visits to graders at packing plants in South Bend, Peoria, Davenport.

POULTRY

Inspection & Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson to visit plants in Missouri next week.

Dale Shearer, Assistant to Mr. Dolson, resigning at close of business March 13.

WASHINGTON VISITORS TO MIDWEST

Kay Nawn, consumer specialist with Livestock Branch, to visit St. Louis March 14-18, attending consumer meetings on beef grades.

H. F. Herrick and F. C. Winter, Marketing Facilities Research, visiting Detroit and Chicago this week in connection with research contracts.

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March 19, 1953

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March 26-27	Minneapolis Commodity Office, State Meeting	Minneapolis
March 27	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
March 28	Midwest Market Hog Show	Fremont, Neb.
March 31	Maturity date for honey loans	
April 1	Hoosier Egg Day	W. Lafayette
April 2	Illinois Swine Growers Day	Urbana
April 9	Illinois Agr. Mobilization Committee	Decatur
April 10	Missouri Livestock Feeders Day	Columbia
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April 10	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
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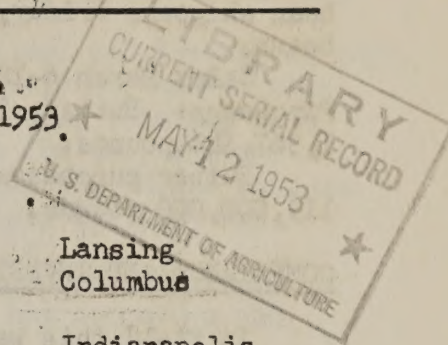
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

State offices of ARA, BAI, BAE, FCIC, and PMA will move into space in the Federal Building in Springfield, Illinois, being provided by General Services Administration. FHA and SCS will remain in Champaign.

Mr. Bender in Kansas City Monday to confer with GSA and PMA Commodity Office officials relative to securing additional space in Federal Office Building for the Commodity Office.

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COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Meetings in office this week: Grain Trade Work Committee, Wednesday; State PMA Office representatives, Thursday; Representatives of Michigan bean shippers Friday, relative to take-over program for 1952-crop dry edible beans.

Sales March 6-12: Corn, 714,120 bushels; clover seed, 1,029 pounds. Purchases: Butter, 2,791,167 pounds; cheese, 713,926 pounds; dry milk, 1,367,146 pounds.

Butter purchases nationally by CCC up to March 17 totaled close to 113,000,000 pounds.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John W. Clagett, Chief

In field this week: Accountants--J. J. Donavon, A. Gibbon, T. Stone, J. Hickey, J. McLenighan, southern Illinois; J. Guinee, Indiana; M. Mestroyich, K. King, Missouri; W. Aarnes, Minnesota; H. Patton, Wisconsin. Investigators-- M. Stickgold, M. Ryan, R. Coons, Michigan; R. Aiken, T. Burke, F. Freeman, Iowa; W. Heuermann, N. Dakota.

DAIRY

Market Orders:

Andrew W. Colebank, Chicago Milk Market Administrator, was speaker at Chicago USDA Club's monthly meeting, March 19.

Uniform prices paid to producers in February:

Chicago	\$4.00	Sioux Falls-Mitchell, S. Dak.	\$4.41
Dubuque	3.88	Cleveland	4.47
Rockford-Freeport	4.15	Dayton-Springfield	4.33
South Bend-LaPorte	4.22	Duluth-Superior	4.31
		Omaha-Lincoln-Council Bluffs area	4.79

Hearing at Rochester, Minnesota, to consider a federal marketing order for North Central Tri-State Area (40-county area in contiguous parts of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) indefinitely postponed.

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small expected back Thursday from supervisory trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Leonard R. Trainer, FDB Chief, G. Chester Freeman, Food Trades Division, Washington, and area supervisors to Chicago, March 20-22, for conference on beef promotion campaign. Freeman in Chicago March 13-14 on campaign.

On beef promotion: John Janus to Milwaukee next week; Jack Means, St. Louis representative in Chicago for briefing early this week preparatory to starting promotion work in Minneapolis, Omaha, Des Moines, Kansas City, and St. Louis.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION (Cont'd)

H. Bolin doing tests on turkey cutting, disjointing, and cooking for school lunch programs in cooperation with Poultry and Egg National Board.

On special direct distribution work: Roland Cervený in Minnesota this week; John James to Missouri next week.

Plentiful Foods for April in Midwest: BEEF, broilers and fryers, turkeys, frozen fish (fillets of cod, haddock and ocean perch, halibut, and whiting), fresh and processed oranges and grapefruit, Irish potatoes, raisins, lamb, cabbage, celery, carrots, tomato juice, dairy products (butter, cheddar cheese, nonfat dry milk solids, cottage cheese, buttermilk), edible fats and oils (margarine, vegetable shortening, lard, salad oils), dry lima and pea beans, peanuts, peanut butter.

Hal Bolin to be guest on "Farmtown U.S.A." televised on WBBM-TV at 5:00-5:30 P.M., Saturday, March 21. Will demonstrate how to cut up rib roast.

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

Thomas C. Hill, reporting Detroit market during L. B. Barbee's illness, expected to return Chicago early next week.

Best buys this week: Cabbage, carrots, celery, greens, Iceberg and leaf lettuce, parsley, radishes, rhubarb, spinach, turnips, grapefruit and pineapple-type oranges. First new crop Texas onions arrived.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Unevenness of weights in consumer-type, 5-15 pound packages, mostly of potatoes and apples, brought to attention of shippers and manufacturers of weighing equipment, with result that study aimed to correct disparity under way by shippers and manufacturers. Engineering problems involved on part of manufacturers; also shrinkage problems. Action traces to complaints received by regulatory office from carlot receivers regarding payment for products condemned for short weight by city inspectors of weights and measures. Problem of arriving at satisfactory percentage of shrink upon which to make allowances is under consideration by two local groups of potato handlers.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin planning trip to Memphis March 30 to confer with Tennessee, Arkansas, and Louisiana strawberry processors regarding inspections.

Some Florida plants already processing strawberries as mild winter hastening crop and prices low under heavy competition from Louisiana berries. Most of Louisiana berries selling for fresh market. Inspection work at Florida plants expected to start around April 15, much earlier than usual.

Mr. Austin gave informal talk on inspection work at luncheon of Indiana Cannery Association last week.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Transferring Sam Gennaro, inspector from Chicago to Detroit next week.

Onion shipments from Texas increasing, necessitating extra inspectors there.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Concentrating on beef promotion material, with special material for press, radio, television.

April list of Plentiful Foods sent to recipients of Midwest Market Basket this week. Special stories on plentiful foods sent to state extension editors, food trade press.

LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, in Charge

Shipment of hogs suspected of V.E. disease found in Chicago yards Tuesday. Bureau of Animal Industry closed one division of yards until disinfected, remainder of yards operated as usual. Indianapolis stockyards reopened to receive hogs late Tuesday after being closed approximately week following discovery V.E. disease in hog arrivals.

Harry D. Williams retiring as head of Livestock Market News Office at Kansas City.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson and B. W. Kemper, Asst. Chief, I. & G. Division, Washington, visiting plants in Missouri this week.

Dressed Poultry Inspection - W. S. Buchanan, Supervisor

J. W. Wood in Ohio surveying two prospective new plants.

A. R. Kincaid to Missouri on supervisory trip latter half of week.

WASHINGTON VISITORS TO MIDWEST

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR COMMODITY OPERATIONS: John H. Dean, to Minneapolis, March 25-26.

GRAIN BRANCH: Daniel E. McGarry, to Youngstown and Toledo, Ohio, Chicago, Lansing, and other points in Michigan, March 17-29, to discuss problems in connection with storage and sale of CCC-owned beans. Albina F. Musil in travel status from March 29 to June 30. Will confer with branch officials in Minneapolis, conduct seed testing class at Ames, Iowa.

MARKETING FACILITIES BRANCH: Raymond W. Hoecker, to Minneapolis, March 20-23 to appear in program for sales supervisors of Red and White Corp. J. Kirby and E. Jay, to points within Illinois and Missouri, March 15-29, to secure data on grain study and confer with rail equipment manufacturers.

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April 7-8	Central States Division of National Association of Marketing Officials	Chicago
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April 10	Missouri Livestock Feeders Day	Columbia
April 10	Land Judging Contest (4-H & FFA Teams)	Wayne County, Ind.
April 10	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
April 10	Minnesota Agr. Mobilization Committee	St. Paul
April 12-14	Michigan Retail Food Dealers Association	Lansing
April 17	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lansing
April 19-21	Minnesota Food Retailers Association	St. Paul
April 20-22	National Institute of Animal Agriculture	W. Lafayette
April 24	Indiana Spring Cattle Feeders Day	W. Lafayette
April 24	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
April 27-29	National Independent Meat Packers Assoc.	Chicago
April 28-29	Associated Wholesale Food Distributors of Ohio	Chicago
April 28	Indiana Agr. Mobilization Committee	Columbus
April 28	Missouri Agr. Mobilization Committee	Indianapolis
May 3-5	Minnesota Future Farmers Convention	Columbia
		St. Paul
		(U. Farm)
May 8-9	Annual Turkey Industry Forum	Chicago
May 14-15	American Feed Manufacturers Association	Chicago
May 17-18	Indiana Retail Grocers & Meat Dealers Association	Chicago
May 24-28	Super Market Institute Annual Convention	South Bend
May 28-30	Nebraska FFA Convention	Cleveland
		Kearney

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

R. K. Smith, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Minnesota, elected chairman of Agriculture Area Equipment Committee at recent meeting. Committee handles transfer of property in USDA.

J. B. Holden, Chief, Procurement and Property Management, Office of Budget and Finance, was visitor this week.

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COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Warehouse examiners urgently needed.

Offerings of butter for purchase by CO up sharply last few days in March while former support price still in effect. Support price dropped slightly April 1, reflecting lower parity.

Purchases March 20 through 26: Butter, 3,528,922 pounds; cheese, 597,287 pounds; dry milk, 2,396,483 pounds. Sales: Corn, 855,237 bushels; clover seed, 400 pounds; edible beans, 153,874 pounds.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John W. Clagett, Chief

Agents in field this week: Investigators: R. Aiken, T. Burke, F. Freeman, Iowa; T. Berry, Missouri; R. Coons, E. Nealon, Michigan; H. Covington, J. Maloney, Nebraska; S. Norin, Central Illinois; H. Oace, Minnesota; J. Ramstad, North Dakota. Accountants: W. Aarnes, J. Hickey, A. Gibbon, K. King, H. L. Popper, Minnesota; L. Coons, M. Mestrovich, J. Donavon, H. Patton, Missouri.

Hans L. Popper is new addition to accounting staff by transfer from Dallas office.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Illinois Director J. Hodge and Supervisor R. Ostermeier to review special claims cases in office next week.

Anna Nagata, Mr. Buck's secretary, resigning Friday.

DAIRY

Milk Marketing Orders

Andrew Colebank and H. R. Hitchner of Chicago office, attending Midwest marketing conference at Iowa State College, Ames, Wednesday through Friday.

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small will substitute for B. J. Ommott of the Washington office on panel at meeting of Central States Division of National Association of Marketing Officials in Chicago next week.

Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick, in charge

Mrs. Sarah M. Woods, chemist, and Roger Chambers, laboratory aide, added to staff to help handle big volume of work in connection with dairy products purchased under price support program.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION BRANCH - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Margaret Silberstien, Melbourne, Australia, dietitian, visited to inquire about various phases of school lunch program operations.

Albert H. Jessup, School Lunch Director for Indiana, visited to discuss school lunch and direct distribution work in Indiana.

Mr. Beyer to Iowa next week to visit warehouses and schools to discuss various direct distribution and school lunch activities.

Hal Bolin attending workshops in Michigan to emphasize food preservation and storage.

Beef drive continues with increasing momentum under excellent cooperation from food trade and news distributing outlets.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Mr. Sanborn, H. N. Ranfro, Gordon Mitchell, and Earl Biddick will attend conference of Central States Division of National Association of Marketing Officials, Chicago, Monday and Tuesday. Will discuss exchange of personnel among states to handle shipping point inspection work.

Earl Biddick scheduled for Louisiana next week on transfer of license inspectors to other states after strawberry season passes peak in Louisiana middle of April.

Processed Products - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin attended meeting of southern strawberry packers at Memphis, Tenn. Sunday and Monday. Packers report crop delayed to about normal harvest time by frost, with processing in eastern Arkansas and western Tennessee expected about May 1. Early strawberry crop had been expected previously.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

W. G. Lensen, assistant Chief of Division, Washington, consulted with local representatives regarding work of Division part of last week.

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

Best buys on wholesale market this week: cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, radishes, turnips, and carrots. Onion prices sharply lower. Old crop potatoes bargain-priced, except Russets selling high.

LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, in Charge

F. J. Beard, Standardization and Grading Division, Washington, and R. V. Hemming, Manager, Empire State Marketing Association, New York, were visitors during the week. Mr. Hemming interested in market news techniques.

Regulatory - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Making efforts to speed up sheep and lamb trading at Chicago. Beginning Monday, a price must accompany all sheep and lambs to scales before stockyards company will weigh stock. Heretofore, some stock weighed and priced later.

Meat Grading - Russell Hitz, Supervisor

Cooperating with Information in attempt to get new grade shields included in meat ads of large chain stores.

PERSONNEL - Maurice P. Ward, Chief

Washington visitors this week: Clyde Hawkins and Charles Potter, PMA Personnel, and Joseph Findley, USDA Personnel, on classification matters.

POULTRY

Inspection & Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Bernard W. Kempers, Assistant Chief of Inspection & Grading, will visit Chicago office Friday on return to Washington.

WASHINGTON VISITORS TO MIDWEST:

Fiscal Branch-W. R. Kelly in Minneapolis, March 30 through April 3, to visit Commodity Office.

Poultry Branch-W.D. Termohlen in Chicago, March 30 through April 3 to attend meeting National Poultry Advisory Committee of Farm Bureau Federation.

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MIDWEST SHOPTALK PMA

For Employees of the Production and Marketing Administration in the Midwest.

April 9, 1953

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10	Missouri Livestock Feeders Day	Columbia
April 10	Land Judging Contest (4-H & FFA Teams)	Wayne County, Ind.
April 10	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
April 10	Minnesota Agr. Mobilization Committee	St. Paul
April 12-14	Michigan Retail Food Dealers Assoc.	Lansing
April 17	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lansing
April 19-21	Minnesota Food Retailers Association	St. Paul
April 20-23	American Management Assoc.- National Packaging Conference	Chicago
April 20-21	Dairy Fieldmen's Conference	E. Lansing
April 20-23	Dry Milk Institute	Chicago
April 20-22	National Institute of Animal Agriculture	W. Lafayette
April 24	Indiana Spring Cattle Feeders Day	W. Lafayette
April 24	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
April 27-29	National Independent Meat Packers Assoc.	Chicago
April 28	Indiana Agr. Mobilization Committee	Indianapolis
April 28	Missouri Agr. Mobilization Committee	Columbia
April 28-29	Associated Wholesale Food Distributors of Ohio	Columbus
April 28-29	National Cheese Institute	Chicago
May 3-5	Minnesota Future Farmers Convention	St. Paul (U. Farm)
May 8-9	Annual Turkey Industry Forum	Chicago
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May 17-18	Indiana Retail Grocers & Meat Dealers Assoc.	South Bend
May 24-28	Super Market Institute Annual Convention	Cleveland
May 28-30	Nebraska FFA Convention	Kearney

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mr. Bender to Denver last week to represent PMA at Area 5, Agriculture Equipment Committee Conference. To Springfield, Illinois Wednesday this week on office consolidation matters.

Royce Dodge and Annette Schnell attended Chicago Association of Procurement Officers meeting Wednesday.

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AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Major effort continues on special CCC balance sheet audit ordered by Secretary.

Additional men detailed from San Francisco to assist on special audit: W. R. Johnston, E. T. Haynes, W. J. Miller.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Abolishment of New York Commodity Office, effective June 30, will widen area to be served by Chicago CO. New area will include all of present states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Kentucky, and Ohio, plus the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia now in the New York CO area. (San Francisco Commodity Office also to be abolished, with area reassigned to Portland CO.)

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John W. Clagett, Chief

Agents in the field this week: Accountants - W. Aarnes, A. Gibbon, J. Hickey, K. King, H. Popper, Minnesota; J. J. Donovan, Wisconsin; J. Guinee, Michigan; L. Coons, M. Mestrovich, H. Patton, Missouri. Investigators - R. Coons, F. Freeman, Iowa; H. Covington, M. Ryan, Nebraska; E. Nealon, J. Ramstad, Michigan; H. Oace, South Dakota; W. Heuermann, Illinois; J. Maloney, Missouri.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Mr. Buck to Washington on FCIC matters Monday through Wednesday; to Rochester, New York balance of week to attend joint FCIC-PMA County Office meeting.

Auditors B. Foster, R. Miller to Kentucky state office to help clear out backlog of tobacco loss claims.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Some lull in inspections of butter and cheese for purchase by CCC followed end of former support prices on March 31. New support prices slightly lower but grading requests on offerings to CCC now increasing, especially on butter at creameries.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

J. James to Dakotas next week on school lunch and direct distribution activities.

Mr. Beyer to Iowa this week, on school lunch and direct distribution program problems.

Mr. Beyer will attend meeting called by Governor Williams, of Michigan next Monday, in which farmers and food trade representatives will discuss problems of marketing Michigan products. Food Distribution Branch has aided in marketing Michigan fruits and vegetables through special campaigns in recent years.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

Cabbage and Midwestern Medium Yellow and Texas Bermuda onions very low priced this week. Midwestern onions selling about one-sixth of price a month ago. Other good buys are carrots, greens, turnips, and rutabagas. Supplies of asparagus larger and prices quite moderate.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

E. W. Gibson interviewing prospective licensees and investigating complaints at various points in Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

J. W. Branch still in Florida, acting in charge of Winter Haven office.

Marketing Programs - R. E. Keller, in Charge

Mr. Keller in Washington this week.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Processing of strawberries to begin about April 25 in Louisiana, Tennessee, and Arkansas, with inspection work to start around May 1. Will necessitate shift of some inspectors from west coast and Florida to handle work.

GRAIN - Hazen P. English, Field Supervisor

G. Triebold, Minneapolis office, assisting Board of Grain Supervisors for three or four weeks.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Beef consumption promotion continues this week, with more information going to radio stations, television stations and newspapers on plentiful supplies of beef.

Television newsreel firm asked for, and received, help in getting film shots showing government-owned butter in storage, being packaged for school lunch use, and children in Chicago school eating butter as part of school lunch.

Baker participated Wednesday in panel discussion of government information work at meeting of Society for Public Administration, University of Chicago.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson to Louisiana and Mississippi Tuesday to check on grading operations.

Dressed Poultry Inspection - W. S. Buchanan, Supervisor

Dr. John Wood to Ohio and Michigan on supervisory trip this week.

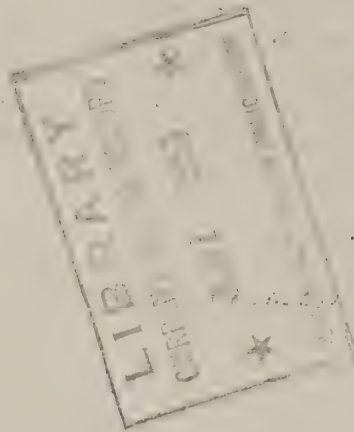
W. D. Termohlen, Branch Chief, and B. C. Pier, Inspection Division, were visitors last week.

WASHINGTON VISITORS TO MIDWEST

TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING BRANCH: W. D. Clark, in Chicago April 9 to appear before Western Trunkline Railroads regarding extension of transit on 1950 Grain Freight Bills.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH: G. R. Blount left Washington April 7 to interview receivers at Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, and Cincinnati markets concerning U. S. Standards for Pineapples.

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For Employees of the Production and Marketing Administration in the Midwest.

April 16, 1953

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 17	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lansing
April 19-21	Minnesota Food Retailers Association	St. Paul
April 19-25	Illinois Soil Conservation Week	
April 20-21	Dairy Fieldmen's Conference	E. Lansing
April 20-22	National Institute of Animal Agriculture	W. Lafayette, Ind.
April 20-23	American Management Association, National Packaging Conference	Chicago
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May 28-30	Nebraska FFA Convention	Kearney

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mr. Bender in Springfield, Illinois Monday in connection with telephone service for consolidated office; in Lincoln, Nebraska Tuesday regarding space for State PMA office.

AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Bulk of work continues to be on special CCC balance sheet audit ordered by Secretary.

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COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

M. R. Livingston in New York Commodity Office Tuesday and Wednesday in connection with transfer of activities to Chicago June 30.

Mr. Bradley to Washington next week for CO directors' meeting.

Sales April 3-9: Corn, 535,746 bushels; wheat, 332,218 bushels; clover seed, 420 pounds. Purchases: Butter, 636,332 pounds; cheese, 291,464 pounds; dry milk, 345,775 pounds.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John W. Clagett, Chief

Agents in field this week: Investigators - R. Coons, H. Covington, Iowa; F. Freeman, Missouri; W. Heuermann, S. Norin, Illinois; J. Maloney, M. Ryan, Nebraska; H. Oace, Minnesota; J. Ramstad, N. Dakota. Accountants - W. Aarnes, J. Hickey, K. King, A. Gibbon, H. Popper, Minnesota; J. Donavon, J. Guinee, Michigan; J. McLenighan, Illinois; M. Mestrovich, H. Patton, Iowa.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Visitors this week: G. F. Picot, liaison officer between Washington and Chicago, headquarters Washington; E. Tabor, Minnesota FCIC Director; C. V. Trowbridge, FCIC Records Management Division, Washington; P. J. Doyle, Office of Plant and Operations, Washington.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Pakistan, in Chicago to study grading and merchandising of milk and milk products, was visitor during week. Mr. Small explained grading activities, arranged for visits to scene of trade operations.

Milk Marketing Orders

Uniform prices paid to producers in March:

Cedar Rapids	\$3.82	Quad Cities	\$3.97
Chicago	3.93		
Columbus	4.47		

Marketing services deduction under Cincinnati order from producers not members of cooperative association increases 2 cents May 1.

Laboratory - T. I. Hedrick, in Charge

Mrs. Mary Hallaway added to staff as laboratory aide.

No let up in volume of analyses and laboratory tests on dry milk powder bought by CCC for price support.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Mr. Beyer in Michigan April 13 at invitation of Gov. G. Mennen Williams to attend meeting of about 150 agricultural producers concerning the marketing of their products at fair prices.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION (Cont'd)

Next week's travel: Mr. Beyer to Ohio to confer with Columbus and Cincinnati diocesan church officials regarding handling of private school lunch programs; Hal Bolin to Milwaukee for school lunch workshop on Wednesday and Thursday; Jeanette Hampton to Indiana to review school lunch programs; J. James to South Dakota on direct distribution and school lunch activities.

Foods expected in plentiful supply in Midwest during May; beef, milk and other dairy products, raisins, broilers and fryers, turkeys, cod fillets and other frozen fish, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, lettuce, cabbage, tomato juice, fresh asparagus, radishes, green onions, spinach, rhubarb, processed oranges, processed grapefruit, edible fats and oils.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

H. Sutton expected on duty in Chicago Monday after reporting winter market at Pompano Beach, Florida past few months.

Distributing annual report of arrivals and unloads of fruits and vegetables on Chicago market in 1952. Report shows arrivals of 109,660 cars by rail, compared 107,931 in 1951. Truck receipts furnished equivalent of additional 19,133 carloads against 21,549 in '51. Stock received from 48 states, 12 foreign countries.

Best buys this week: Cabbage, carrots, topped turnips, rutabagas, old crop white potatoes, Midwestern Medium Yellow and Texas Yellow Bermuda onions.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Wilson Miller and Richard Charron scheduling 3 week trip to Wisconsin points, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Kansas City, and St. Louis on complaints and investigations.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

E. Biddick in southern strawberry area arranging for shift of inspectors to handle work in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee.

G. R. Blount, Standardization and Inspection Division, Washington, interviewed trade members on proposed revision of pineapple standards.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin and D. A. Patton to Washington April 21-22 for annual conference of District Supervisors.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Making preliminary plans for group of 25 editors of European farm magazines and similar number of farm broadcasters scheduled to visit Chicago in late May. Groups will visit principal markets and also will participate in seminar discussions on international trade with Chicago editors, broadcasters, business men and government officials taking part.

Monthly list of Plentiful Foods for May distributed to food page editors, radio and TV broadcasters this week, with Midwest Market Basket.

LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, in Charge

Monday's cattle receipts of 29,041 head at Chicago largest since August 26, 1946.

Number of cattle on feed in 11 Corn Belt states April 1 was 19 percent above year earlier; compares with increase of 23 percent over the year earlier on January 1.

Meat Grading - Russell Hitz, Supervisor

Arranged for placement of beef grade emblem photos with several chain and independent meat dealers for use in their advertising.

Insecticide Division - W. Tiedt, Inspector in Charge

Mr. Tiedt to Milwaukee and vicinity next week on routine inspection trip.

PERSONNEL - Maurice P. Ward, Chief

Mr. Ward to Missouri State PMA Office, Columbia, next Monday and Tuesday.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson checking on grading operations in Wisconsin this week in company with H. P. Schubert, Wisconsin Federal-State Supervisor.

Dressed Poultry Inspection - W. S. Buchanan, Supervisor

Temporary lull in inspections, reflecting seasonal slack at poultry plants.

WASHINGTON VISITORS TO MIDWEST

MARKETING FACILITIES: Russell L. Childress in Milwaukee (also Hartford, Conn.) April 13-17, to further develop plans for Milwaukee produce market and attend conference of National Association of Produce Marketing Managers. H. E. Spencer, to Indiana (also Kentucky and Tennessee) April 19-30, to evaluate progress of field projects.

GRAIN: William C. Dachtler, in Decatur, Ill., Columbia, and Kansas City, Mo., and Manhattan, Kansas, April 13-18, regarding CCC bin sites.

COTTON: Victor R. Fuchs, to Cincinnati, April 23; Chicago, April 24, in connection with administration of Cotton Standards Act.

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MIDWEST SHOP TALK

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For Employees of the Production and Marketing Administration in the Midwest.

April 30, 1953

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

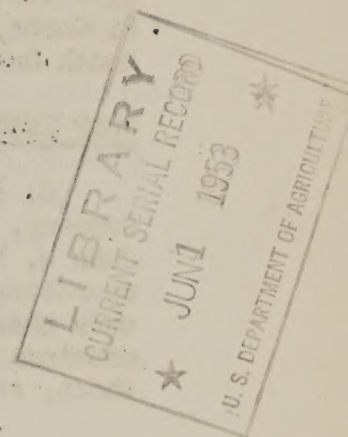
May 3-5	Minnesota FFA Convention	St. Paul (U. Farm)
May 6-7	American Seed Trade Association	Chicago
May 8	Minnesota Agr. Mobilization Committee	St. Paul
May 8	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
May 8-9	Annual Turkey Industry Forum	Chicago
May 11-15	National Restaurant Association Convention	Chicago
May 12-13	Iowa Beekeepers Short Course	Ames
May 14-15	American Feed Manufacturers Assn.	Chicago
May 14	Illinois Agr. Mobilization Committee	Decatur
May 14-15	Turkey Industry Forum	Chicago
May 15	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lansing
May 17-18	Indiana Retail Grocers & Meat Dealers Association	South Bend
May 24-28	Super Market Institute Annual Convention	Cleveland
May 26	Indiana Agr. Mobilization Committee	Indianapolis
May 26	Missouri Agr. Mobilization Committee	Columbia
May 28-30	Nebraska FFA Convention	Kearney
June 9-11	Indiana 4-H Round-Up	W. Lafayette
June 12-14	Minnesota Poultry, Butter & Egg Assn.	Breezy Point
June 14-15	National-American Wholesale Grocers Assn.	Chicago
June 14-18	National Retail Grocers Assn.	Chicago
June 18	Hoosier Market Lamb Show	Indianapolis
June 22-23	National Hereford Congress	E. Lansing

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Contract awarded for altering space in U.S. Post Office & Court House, Springfield, Illinois to house PMA and FCIC State Offices, presently located in Decatur, and BAE, BAI, and PMA County Committee offices now in Springfield. Contract calls for sufficient completion to allow occupancy by June 30.

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COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

M. R. Livingston at New York Commodity Office this week on matters connected with reassignment of area to Chicago office.

Sales April 17-23: corn, 867,104 bushels; wheat, 1,800 bushels; clover seed, 360 pounds; edible beans, 5,700 hundredweight. Purchases: butter, 2,861,504 pounds; cheese, 867,217 pounds; dry milk solids, 1,526,799.

CCC purchases nationally April 1-28 included 21,361,198 pounds butter, 24,109,141 pounds cheese.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Agents in field this week: Accountants - W. Aarnes, K. King, A. Gibbon, H. Popper, Minnesota; J. Guinee, Michigan; J. McLenighan, Ohio; M. Mestrovich, H. Patton, Iowa. Investigators - R. Aiken, H. Covington, J. Ramstad, Nebraska; T. Berry, Michigan; T. Burke, R. Coons, F. Freeman, W. Heuermann, Iowa; H. Oace, Minnesota; M. Ryan, South Dakota.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

C. B. FunderBurk, general manager Cotton States Mutual Insurance Company, Atlanta, Ga., appointed acting manager of FCIC. Succeeds John W. Brainard, who resigned. FunderBurk will head program operating in 922 counties this year, with 405,000 policies providing more than \$400,000,000 of crop investment insurance at estimated premiums of \$25,000,000. Program insures farmers against losses to wheat, cotton, corn, flax, tobacco, beans, citrus, and multiple crops.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Attended National Cheese Institute meeting, Chicago, Tuesday.

Milk Marketing Orders

Hearing to consider changes in Tri-State (contiguous areas of Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio) Order scheduled for 10 a.m., May 13 in Milk Market Administrator's Office, 64 State Street, Gallipolis, Ohio.

E. M. Norton, Director of Dairy Branch, was visitor on Tuesday.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

M. P. Driggs, Direct Distribution Division Washington, was visitor this week to review direct distribution activities.

Nelson J. Post, School Lunch Division, Washington, expected to visit next Tuesday.

Planning work in connection with raisin promotion, involving prospective field trips by Walter Patterson and Jack Means.

Mr. Beyer arranged for acceptance of greater responsibility in school lunch programs by diocese of Columbus and archdiocese of Cincinnati. Will relieve area office of considerable paper work.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION (Cont'd)

Mrs. Raymond Reading, until recently Ina Morris, nutritionist, resigning May 1.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

Best buys on wholesale market this week: Cabbage, dry onions, old potatoes, topped carrots. More new potatoes from Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and California.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Earl Biddick in Arkansas this week arranging for transfer personnel to Tennessee where strawberry inspections began Monday.

Mr. Sanborn to Colorado May 5-7 for shipping point inspection conference; will stop at Kansas City enroute back.

Ending shipping point inspection work in Nebraska, with supervisor to relieve at Kansas City beginning next Monday.

Chester Dotson scheduled for transfer about June 1 from Dallas, Texas office to Puerto Rico.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Strawberry processing in Tennessee begins next Monday, requiring about 20 inspectors; Next Louisiana peak in berries about May 12.

D. Patton to Tennessee in connection with strawberry inspection work next week, Mr. Austin following week.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

John Unruhe, Los Angeles office, to assist with heavy work load for about one month. Expected Monday.

GRAIN - Hazen P. English, Field Supervisor

Big increase in cargo inspections at Duluth following opening of navigation April 1. Usually continues seasonally heavy for month or two.

Robert Probst, Omaha office, assisting Board of Grain Supervisors for month.

Mr. English in Milwaukee Tuesday for general supervisory visit.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Baker, Paul Ostendorf and Virginia Peterson attended meeting of cheese industry Tuesday and Wednesday.

Midwest Market Basket, weekly service to food editors and broadcasters, calls attention to plentiful supplies of onions, explains increase in pork prices resulting from reduced numbers of hogs being marketed.

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

N. Portland, Oregon, market news office, reported first Canadian hogs marketed on west coast since 1941 unloaded at Seattle, April 17. Came from Edmonton, Alberta. Seattle recently getting considerable fresh pork from Canada.

PERSONNEL - Maurice P. Ward, Chief

Arranging contacts for Rafael E. Montero, Costa Rica, scheduled visitor May 11-15 to study dairy industry operations.

Seeking warehouse examiners, grades 7 and 9, for Commodity Office. Jobs involve extensive travel.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson in southern Illinois this week on general supervisory trip.

Ashley R. Gulich, Kentucky Federal-State Supervisor, being transferred to Kansas City.

WASHINGTON VISITORS TO MIDWEST

SECRETARY'S OFFICE: True D. Morse, Under Secretary, in Chicago, April 28, to address National Cheese Institute meeting.

DAIRY BRANCH: E. M. Norton in Chicago, April 28, to address meeting of National Cheese Institute.

GRAIN BRANCH: Judson A. Thompson to Lansing, Caro, and other points in Michigan, April 26-May 3, on dried bean and other storage problems.

MARKETING FACILITIES BRANCH: Raymond W. Hoecker, in Chicago April 26-30, to present information on study to members of Operation Inc., and to do further research work.

TOBACCO BRANCH: R. A. Winstead, to Ohio State PMA Office, April 27-28; Indiana State PMA Office, April 29-May 1, in connection with tobacco marketing quota program.

POULTRY BRANCH: Hermon I. Miller and Henry Hamann, in Chicago, April 28, to attend meeting of Institute of American Poultry Industry.

LIVESTOCK BRANCH: Kay Nawn to Des Moines, April 30-May 2, with appearance on WOI-TV, Ames, Iowa, April 30. St. Louis, May 4.